Without language, culture and civilization would be impossible (Linguistic Creed)

1. The world has 7,000 languages:
   - 3,000 are facing extinction.
   - 577 are critically endangered.
   - Humanity loses 25 languages annually

2. The Caribbean has 70 languages:
   - Indigenous
   - European
   - African
   - Creole
   - Immigrant/diasporic
   - Sign
   - Ritual

3. Lost languages
   - Lost histories
   - Lost intangible cultural heritage
   - Lost socio-cultural and scientific knowledge
   - Lost world views
   - Lost linguistic structures
   - Lost identities

4. Role of the University and Communities:
   - Emphasising community needs and wants
   - Teaching and literacy
   - Training
   - Policy and Planning
   - Supporting the Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights
   - Interdisciplinary/collaborative links
   - Archiving

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